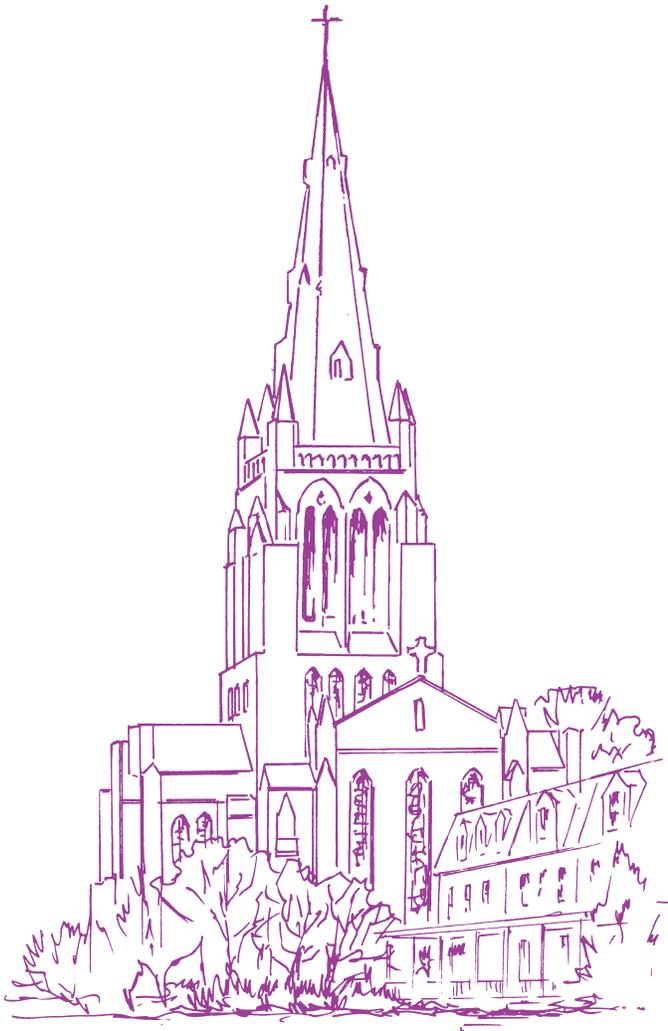


# CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The First Sunday of Advent*  
*November 29, 2015*  
*9 a.m.*  
*The Holy Eucharist, Rite II*



**A faithful Episcopal Church welcoming all in the name of Christ**

# 9:00 A.M. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude on "Sleepers, wake!" *A voice astounds us* Johann Sebastian Bach

*The Congregation is asked to sit as far forward as possible,  
using the front pews of the Nave and of the Transepts.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

*All stand as the ministers enter.*

Opening Acclamation *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 355*

*Priest:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Trisagion *(all sing together three times)* *HYMNAL, S 102*

*Hymnal "S"—numbers refer to Service Music, printed at the front of the Hymnal.*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

Collect of the Day

The Readings *All sit for the Lessons and Psalm.*

The Lesson *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

Psalm 25:1-9 *All say together.*

The Epistle *Thessalonians 3:9-13*

Gospel Alleluia-Verse *A cantor sings Alleluia, and all repeat it*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

—Ps. 25:5

The Holy Gospel *All standing* *Luke 21:25-36*

*Response before the Gospel* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*Response after the Gospel* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily *The Reverend T.J. Freeman*

The Nicene Creed *Congregation standing* *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 358*

The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor:* Come, O come, Emmanuel,

*People:* come and save us.

Confession and Absolution

*BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 360*

The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*All may greet one another.*

Welcome and Announcements

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Offertory Hymn *All stand and sing together*

*Lo, he comes with clouds descending*

*HYMNAL, 58, stanzas 1, 2, 4*

Eucharistic Prayer B

*BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 367*

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

*All sing together*

*HYMNAL, S 130*

The Lord's Prayer *All say together*

The Breaking of the Bread *(A brief silence is kept.)*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*Those not wishing to receive Communion may come forward for a blessing.*

*Parents are encouraged to bring children to receive Communion or a blessing.*

*Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

Communion Hymn *Creator of the stars of night*

*HYMNAL, 60*

*All sing together, seated or kneeling*

Postcommunion Prayer *All say together*

*BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 366*

The Four-fold Advent Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn

*The King shall come when morning dawns*

*HYMNAL, 73, stanzas 1, 2, 5*

Dismissal *All respond* Thanks be to God.

Postlude on *Sleepers, wake!*

Max Reger

*All who wish to listen to the postlude from the Choir Stalls are invited to do so.*

*Christian Formation classes for all ages begin at 10 A.M.*

# CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The First Sunday of Advent*  
*November 29, 2015*  
*11 a.m.*  
*The Holy Eucharist, Rite II*



**A faithful Episcopal Church welcoming all in the name of Christ**

# 11:00 A.M. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Prelude on "Sleepers, wake!" *A voice astounds us* Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit *Better Be Ready* traditional Spiritual, arr. R. Nathaniel Dett

*Better be ready, ready to try on your long white robe!*  
*Ob! rise up, children, get your crown, What a glorious morning that will be:*  
*and by your Savior's side sit down. Our friends and Jesus we shall see.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

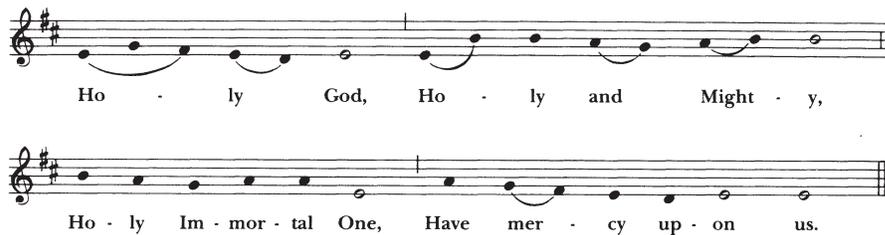
Entrance Hymn *The King shall come when morning dawns* HYMNAL, 73  
*All sing together.*

Opening Acclamation *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 355*

*Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Trisagion (*all sing together three times*)



Setting: Plainsong, Mode 1; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

The Collect of the Day *All remain standing.*

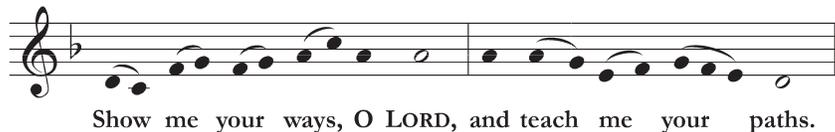
*Priest* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Priest* Let us pray. *The Priest prays the Collect; all say Amen.*

The Readings *All sit for the Lesson and Epistle. The texts of the Readings are printed on the Insert.*

The Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-9 Mode 1

*The Choir sings the antiphon, and all repeat it*



The Epistle Thessalonians 3:9-13

Sequence Hymn *O day of God, draw nigh* HYMNAL, 601

The Holy Gospel Luke 21:25-36

*Response before the Gospel* Glory to you, Lord Christ.  
*Response after the Gospel* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Reverend T.J. Freeman

The Nicene Creed *All standing* *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 358*

The Prayers of the People *Congregation standing*

*Intercessor:* Come, O come, Emmanuel,

*People:* come and save us.

Confession and Absolution

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 360

The Peace *All may greet one another in the Lord's name.*

Welcome and Announcements

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *O Thou the Central Orb*

Charles Wood

*O thou, the central orb of righteous love,  
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light  
of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright  
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.*

*Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine;  
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,  
As stars about thy throne, set in the height  
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight  
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.*

*Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,  
In fellowship with thee, transforming day  
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within.*

—H.R. Bramley

Hymn *Praise God from whom all blessings flow!* HYMNAL, 380, stanza 3

*All stand and sing the hymn together*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 367

*Priest*                      *People*

The Lord be with you.      And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.      We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus (*all sing together*) *The congregation may stand or kneel.* HYMNAL, S130

*The service continues on page 368 of THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.*

*The congregation may stand or kneel.*

Memorial Acclamation

*Cantor*

There - fore, ac-cord-ing to his com-mand, O Fa - ther,

*All*

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -  
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

*Ambrosian Anaphora Chant, adapt. Mason Martens*

The Lord's Prayer *all say together*

The Breaking of the Bread *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Fraction Anthem *Jesus, Lamb of God*

HYMNAL, S164

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. An usher will guide you to the altar rail or pulpit station. At the altar rail, kneel or stand, with hands cupped one on top of the other, to receive the consecrated bread. Please guide the chalice containing the wine to your lips. If you do not wish to receive directly from the chalice, you may dip a portion of the wafer carefully into the wine, or you may simply cross your arms over your chest as the Chalice Bearer passes.*

*Parents are encouraged to bring children to receive Communion or a blessing.*

*Those not wishing to receive Communion may come forward for a blessing.*

*Gluten free wafers are available upon request at the pulpit station*

*After receiving Communion, those who would like to receive laying on of hands and prayers for healing may go to the altar rail in the Lady Chapel.*

Music at Communion *Call to Remembrance, O Lord* Richard Farrant

*Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness  
which hath been ever of old.*

*O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy,  
think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.*

—Psalm 25:5-6

Hymn *Creator of the stars of night*

HYMNAL, 60

Post-Communion Prayer

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 366

*Said by all together, kneeling.*

The Four-fold Advent Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn *"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us*

HYMNAL, 61

Dismissal *All respond: Thanks be to God.*

Postlude *Postlude on Sleepers, wake!*

Max Reger

*All who wish to listen to the postlude from the Choir Stalls are invited to do so.*

*Coffee and fellowship follows in the Parish Hall.*

## MUSICAL NOTES

This afternoon at 5 p.m. the Choirs, joined by Chatham Baroque, present a Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent. A reception follows, and all are welcome.

Please plan also to join us on Friday evening, December 11, when the Choirs and soloists, again joined by Chatham Baroque and other musicians, present Pittsburgh's only complete, period-instruments performance of Handel's *Messiah*.

The word *Trisagion* comes from the Greek, meaning *Thrice Holy*. The text was already in use in the Eastern Church by the mid-fifth century; it seems originally to have been used in processions, but in the Western Church it was traditionally reserved to the Good Friday liturgy, sung (like the *Kyrie*) in its original Greek. The 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* provides it as an alternative to the *Kyrie* or *Gloria in excelsis*; since the *Gloria* is expressly omitted during Advent and Lent, the *Trisagion* is a useful alternative. The setting we are using is a modern adaptation of ancient melodic material.

The English translation of the late-sixteenth-century German hymn "Wachet auf" was crafted for *The Hymnal 1982* by an Episcopal priest and poet (and sometime resident of the Pittsburgh area), the Rev. Carl P. Daw. It is a translation that captures much of the immediacy and vigor of the original German, a vigor originally inspired by an outbreak of pestilence in the small town where the original author was a pastor. The text is rich in Biblical allusions, chiefly to the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, but also to Revelation and the Prophets.

J.S. Bach's treatment of the melody associated with this chorale comes from a larger choral-and-orchestral work, much of which derives from the same hymn. This particular movement was first popularized by Bach himself, who included it in one of the very few printed editions of his works printed under his own supervision, and consisting of six organ-transcriptions of movement drawn from his cantatas. "Wachet auf" is the first of the set; in an amusing accident of history, it was once again popularized in the twentieth century by an adaptation of the organ version for symphony orchestra. Max Reger's characteristically over-the-top harmonization of the chorale forms the basis of the Postlude, which presents the melody in long notes, variously as the bassline and topmost part of the texture.



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

November 29, 2015

**NEWCOMERS AND GUESTS** are always welcome at Calvary Church. Our service uses the three books located in the pew: *The Book of Common Prayer*, *The Hymnal 1982*, and *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*. Directions in the service bulletin indicate where it is customary to stand or kneel. We invite you to participate as you are able. We hope you will take a moment to read and complete the Welcome Card in the pew, and place it in the offertory plate as it passes.

**CHILDREN OF ALL AGES** are welcome in worship services. Packets of materials for children are available from the ushers. *Nursery Care available during the 9 a.m. and the 11 a.m. services.* The Infants' and Toddlers' Nursery is downstairs on the Christian Education level.

**WEEKLY OFFERING CARDS** that say "My gift comes electronically or by mail" can serve as a visible sign of your gift. Look for the purple cards in a basket in the Narthex or by the North Transept door each week, take one, and place it in the offering plate.

**PARISH COUNCIL** invites you to stop by our "Welcome and Join-in" booth in the Parish Hall.

## Participants in Today's Services

### 8 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Celebrant & Preacher* . . . .The Reverend T.J. Freeman  
*Lector* . . . . .George Carvell  
*Chalice Bearer* . . . . .Frederic Roth

### 9 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Celebrant* . . . . .The Reverend Leslie G. Reimer  
*Preacher* . . . . .The Reverend T.J. Freeman  
*Acolyte* . . . . .Isabella Victoria  
*Lectors* . . . . .Thomas May, Joyce Dorman  
*Chalice Bearers* . . . . .Colleen Sari, Aileen Keyes

### 11 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Celebrant* . . . . .The Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen  
*Preacher* . . . . .The Reverend T.J. Freeman  
*Assisting* . . . . .The Reverend Leslie G. Reimer  
*Verger* . . . . .Sarah Wilson  
*Acolytes* . . . . .Claire Mazur, Rian Fantozzi, Will Koontz,  
Charlie Merriman  
*Lectors* . . . . .Russell Ayres, Stuart Knoop, Jane Thomas  
*Chalice Bearers* . . . . .Shannon Barkley, Walter Bowman,  
James Houston, William Stevens

### 5 p.m. – A Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent

*Verger* . . . . .G. Frederic Roth  
*Acolytes* . . . . .Peter Heinricher, Lowrie Woodside, Ben Maye  
*Lectors* . . . . .Claire Mazur, Michael Braxton, Charlotte Broome,  
Doug Chaffey, Diane Eldridge, Tony Richardson,  
Colleen Sari, Sarah Wilson, T.J. Freeman  
*Flower Delivery* . . . . .Kitsy McNulty  
*Altar Guild* . . . . .Jean Robinson's Team

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# Our Parish Life

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Please join us for coffee in the Parish Hall following the 11 o'clock service,  
hosted by **Friends of Calvary**.

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## 2015 EECM Holiday “Berry” Program

This Christmas season, Calvary has committed to helping **70 participants** of East End Cooperative Ministry youth and housing programs (i.e., Children and Youth Programs, Bridge Housing, and Penn Free Housing). Each participant has requested three items: something they need, something they want, and a book or calendar. These requests have been coded onto individual berries, which are posted in the Parish Hall. These gifts relieve the financial burden on many East End families at Christmas, and brighten their holidays. Calvary has been a strong supporter of this program, and we request your help again this year. To participate, please:

1. **Choose** one or more berries and **sign out** each berry on the corresponding sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.
2. **Bring** each wrapped gift, with the berry securely attached (code showing) to the Parish Hall between **Sunday, November 29** and **1 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, 2015**. Please include a **gift receipt** for clothing items. The gifts will be taken to the EECM building for delivery to the families on December 8. The deadline is so early because EECM needs to deliver these gifts before they start their massive holiday food distribution.
3. In addition, we are collecting **\$25 Giant Eagle gift cards** for distribution to families that participate in the EECM programs. Gift cards should be dropped off at the Calvary reception desk by **1 p.m. on Sunday, December 6**.
4. A few volunteers are needed to staff the sign-up tables before and after services on **November 22 and 29** to answer questions. About four volunteers are needed to sort and bag the gifts from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. on **Sunday, December 6**. We also need at least one volunteer to make reminder phone calls on Sunday night (December 6), and about four volunteers with cars or vans to deliver the gifts to the EECM Community House at 1 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 8**.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Ros Stone (Roslyn@pitt.edu or 412.781.9329) or John Wilson (jwwbass1@gmail.com). Thank you for your support of this EECM program!

## Soup Group Cooking

The Soup Group will meet on **December 4 at 10 a.m.** in the kitchen. You can also participate in this ministry by taking soup to a friend, neighbor, or relative that might enjoy one of our soups. This is not restricted to Calvary members. We like to share! Please contact me for more information. –*Adele Eley, adele.eley@gmail.com, 412.371.6921.*

## Holy Baptism

**On January 10, 2016, The Baptism of our Lord**, we will be offering the sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 11 o'clock service. If you or someone you know desires to partake in this sacrament please contact the Reverend T.J. Freeman (tjfreeman@calvarypgh.org or 412.661.0120 ext. 112) prior to December 7, 2015, so that the appropriate preparation and arrangements can be made.

## The Rev. Leslie Reimer Anniversary

Please join us on **Sunday, December 13** to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Leslie's ordination as a priest. We will have a festive reception after the 11 o'clock service and present her with a gift. Preaching that day will be the Rev. Dr. David Bird who worked with Leslie before and early in her ordination. David was the Rector of St. Andrew's in New Kensington with Leslie's father serving as the Senior Warden. He earned his Ph.D. from Duquesne.

## Women of Calvary Holiday Home Eucharist

Home eucharists are meaningful and memorable occasions for both a social and spiritual experience. Please come on **Wednesday, December 9** beginning at 6 p.m. The Reverend Leslie Reimer will celebrate the eucharist and a light supper will be served. Hosted by Margie Muldoon, 362 Lehigh Avenue, 15232. Please R.S.V.P. to Margie at 412.362.1780 or by an email to [margiemuldoon@msn.com](mailto:margiemuldoon@msn.com).

## Safety at Church

Please remember to keep your valuables with you on Sundays. Their security is not assured if they are left in public places. We have had a bit of trouble recently with some things disappearing. Also, be sure to lock your car – and don't leave valuables in plain sight. Thank you.

## The Chili Fest is Coming

Please save the date of **Saturday, January, 30, 2016!** The sign up sheet will be posted soon. You can add to the fun by also signing up to be a helper. We need people to help decorate the parish hall, and to monitor the serving tables, including the beverage table. We also need runners to transport the food from the registration table to the serving tables. We also need ideas and people for a short entertainment. If you are willing to help, please contact Lyn Orr, at 412.782.2957 or email [lynreedorr@gmail.com](mailto:lynreedorr@gmail.com).

## Sheldon Calvary Camp in Pittsburgh

Calvary Church hosts a Sheldon Calvary Camp service on the fourth Sunday of each month. **All are invited on December 27 at 3 p.m.** for an informal celebration of the Holy Eucharist with music from the camp songbook. The Reverend Leslie Reimer will be the preacher and celebrant. We meet in the Refectory.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 at 7:30 P.M.

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

# Messiah

The world's most beloved piece of music, *Messiah* has thrilled and moved listeners for nearly 275 years. Chatham Baroque and other period-instrumentalists join the Calvary Choir and soloists in bringing the piece vividly to life in its entirety. *Freewill offering.*

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CALVARY

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

Sunday, December 6 – Brunch (Mad Mex, 220 S Highland) 12:45 p.m.

Friday, December 18 – Yule Ball (Calvary, Refectory) 7–10 p.m.

# The Calendar

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## Weekday Eucharists

Monday: 6 P.M.; Wednesday: 7 A.M., 10:30 A.M. (Healing Service)

Office Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Sunday November 29, 2015

*The First Sunday of Advent*

- 7:30 A.M. Coffee
- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Bible Study
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 4:00 P.M. Choir Call
- 4:15 P.M. Choristers' Choir Call
- 5:00 P.M. A Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent
- 6:00 P.M. Reception

### Monday November 30, 2015

*Saint Andrew the Apostle*

- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer

### Tuesday December 1, 2015

*Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637; Charles de Foucauld, Hermit and Martyr in the Sahara, 1916*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings  
Extended Day Program
- 6:00 P.M. Welcome Committee Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Coventry Circle
- 7:30 P.M. Architectural History  
Committee

### Wednesday December 2, 2015

*Channing Moore Williams, Missionary Bishop in China and Japan, 1910*

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 PM CLASP
- 4:30 PM Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM EfM
- 6:30 PM Beginnings Board Meeting

### Thursday December 3, 2015

*Francis Xavier, Missionary to the Far East, 1552*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 1:00 P.M. St. Nicholas Tea
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Friday December 4, 2015

*John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760*

#### Agape Deadline

- 10:00 A.M. Soup Group

### Saturday December 5, 2015

*Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210*

- 10:00 A.M. Centering Prayer

### Sunday December 6, 2015

*The Second Sunday of Advent*

- 7:30 A.M. Coffee
- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Bible Study
- 9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 12:45 P.M. Calvary Young Adult Ministry  
(at Mad Mex)
- 5:00 P.M. CandleMass
- 6:00 P.M. Supper

\*To make reservations for starred events, for which a meal is being prepared, please telephone the church office, 412.661.0120, extension 140.

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## Dedication Sunday is December 6!

Have you completed and returned your  
2016 Annual Appeal Pledge Card?

# Christian Formation \_\_\_\_\_

TODAY, all children, youth, and interested adults are invited to the Evans Room for a “Happy Church New Year” celebration. We will make Advent gifts and cards to send to members of our parish family who cannot be with us, enjoy some snacks, and celebrate the beginning of the Church New Year. Please join us!

Calvary’s children and youth will present our annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 20 at the 11 a.m. service. The pageant will once again bring costumes, carols, a camel, and assorted other live animals to Calvary. All children and youth are welcome and encouraged to sign up! There are parts for everyone. Sign-up sheets are posted in the hallway outside the Parish Hall. You may also call or email me to sign up. We are also looking for a few grown-up volunteers! If you would like to help out in some way (from organizing costumes, to animal handling, to providing a snack, to general behind-the-scenes assistance on the day) please add your name and contact information to the sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the Parish Hall, or contact me directly. Please invite friends, family members, and others to join us for this incredible story and wonderful Calvary tradition!

–Susan Roth, Coordinator for Christian Formation  
412.661.0120 ext. 116, sroth@calvarypgh.org



10 a.m., in the Refectory

**TODAY: Looking at Prayer with a Thomistic Lens: Truth.**

Thomas Aquinas has made significant contributions to Christian theological understanding in the areas of “natural reason” and “speculative theology.” This session will consider Truth (one of three “transcendental properties of being”) as a means to ground one’s personal prayer with meditation on the “big picture” as it might inspire acts of charity and justice toward one’s goal of making progress in the Christian universal call to holiness. This session is part 1 of a 3-part series.

**Sunday, December 6: Saints and the Season of Light.**

How do the Christian seasons of Advent and Christmas reflect earlier beliefs and practices? How does our universal longing for light in darkness touch our observance of these holy seasons? Leslie Reimer will explore the origins and meaning of our customs and symbols.

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## 2015 Christmas Memorials

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered in the Christmas Eve Order of Service, please fill out this form and return it, with your donation, to the church office by Friday, December 18, 2015.

Name (as you would like it to appear): *please print*

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\_\_\_\_\_

Donor’s name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor’s telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your preference: *Flowers*   *Music*   *Where needed*

Please clip and mail to:     Lynda Kennedy, Financial Secretary  
   Calvary Episcopal Church  
   315 Shady Avenue  
   Pittsburgh, PA 15206.



# The Prayers of the People\_\_\_\_\_

*For the Anglican Communion, and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury:*

West Malaysia, South East Asia – The Right Reverend Ng Moon Hing;  
Assistant Bishop of West Malaysia – The Right Reverend Andrew Phang;  
Assistant Bishop of West Malaysia – The Right Reverend Jason Selvaraj.

*For the Episcopal Church, and for Michael, Presiding Bishop.*

*For the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and for The Right Reverend Dorsey  
W. M. McConnell, Bishop.*

*For the parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, especially Church of the  
Good Shepherd, Hazelwood, and the Reverend Huett Fleming.*

*For those serving in the armed forces: Miles Farren.*

*For those who are ill or convalescing: Cynthia McCormick, Sara Colligan,  
Anne, Michael, Luci Miller, Sondra Krimmel.*

*Let us remember those who continue in our prayers: Charles Mullen,  
Ann Wardrop, Dora Graff, Julie Grimstad, Louise Manning, Lee Hicks.*

*For those who have been commended to our prayers: William Marchl+,  
Don Harrison, Joe Norton, Dan Christopher, Mary and Charlie,  
Daniel McCormick, Ceil Sugar, Barbara Arbogast, Ann Lee Grimstad,  
Andre, Henry Edward Albee, John Hellegers, Jane Miller, David, Peg,  
Benjamin Jackson, Evelyn and John Nickel, Jane and Lorraine Balun,  
Judy Reese, Andrea Redway, Melanie, Jenna, Gene, Julie Birch, Joan,  
Hilary, Paul Durham, Molly Woodroofe, Judy Conkle, Leslie, Heather,  
Lori, Dave, Shelley.*

*For people throughout the world living with HIV and AIDS.*

*For all those with long-term or life-threatening illnesses.*

*For caregivers.*

*For those who have died: Mary Gesin.*

*For those in whose memory altar flowers are given:*

HIGH ALTAR     Lauren Deis, *by her family.*  
Floyd and Dorothy Ryel, Ruth Ryel and Richard Dorman,  
*by Joyce Dorman.*  
Molly Peter, *by the Verghis family.*  
William P. Snyder IV, *by Alice, Lynn and Will.*

{To add or remove names from the Prayer List, please call the church office }

**Please add some straw to the manger  
as you offer a prayer for peace.  
Help us prepare to welcome the child  
who comes as Prince of Peace.**



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

# First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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## A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah [33:14-16]

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

*Reader:* The Word of the LORD.

*Congregation:* Thanks be to God.

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## Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**A Reading from the First Letter of Paul  
to the Thessalonians [3:9-13]**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our LORD Jesus direct our way to you. And may the LORD make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our LORD Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader:* The Word of the LORD.

*Congregation:* Thanks be to God.

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**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke  
[21:25-36]**

*Response before the Gospel:* Glory to you, LORD Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near." Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Response after the Gospel:* Praise to you, LORD Christ.

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